

13(Amended). The machine-readable signal-bearing medium of claim [5] 11, further comprising:

receiving a time synchronization message at the network interface; and
setting a clock in the microwave oven by the controller upon receipt of the time synchronization message.

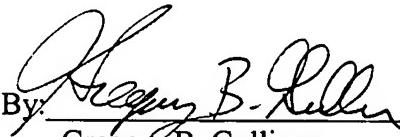
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 8, 12, and 13 to correct grammar and claim dependence errors. Applicant asks that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the claim amendments and remarks.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing discussion and analysis, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-13 are in a condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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1(Amended). An oven apparatus, comprising:

a housing;

a heat generator disposed in association with the housing;

a code input device;

a controller that stores a plurality of recipe programs upon receipt of the plurality of programs [at the network interface] and operates the heat generator in accordance with a recipe program selected from the plurality of recipe programs in view of a code input by the code input device; and

a network interface in communication with the controller that request a recipe program from an operably connected, but external device and receives the requested recipe program.

8(Amended). An apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving in an oven a plurality of recipe programs at a network interface from an operably connected, but external device; and

means for storing the plurality of recipe programs in a memory by a controller that are each selectable with a digital signal from a code input device; and

means for configuring the oven in response to the digital signal being associated with one recipe program in the plurality of recipe programs.

12(Amended). The machine-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

formatting a recipe program request message in response to the controller failing to select a recipe program from the plurality of recipe programs that is associated with the digital signal; and

receiving a requested recipe program at the network interface from an operably connected, but external device in response to the recipe program request message.

13(Amended). The machine-readable signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:

receiving a time synchronization message at the network interface; and setting a clock in the microwave oven by the controller upon receipt of the time synchronization message.